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YARD BIRD SEES ACTION



By Lt. R.H. Auman and S/Sgt. Cliff Hillton

Mention "YARDBIRD" to the Nazis and they think of two Flying Fortresses that carried that name in combat against them and not of the Enlisted Men's newspaper at SAACC.

For some months, copies of THE YARDBIRD have been going all over the world to friends of SAACC enlisted men. One of our distant readers, Navigator Ric Auman, of Lancaster, Pa., thought of SAACC and it's "YARDBIRD" and sent us the material for the following story.

THE STORY BEGINS

"Back in September, 1942", he begins, "We went to Rattle Creek, Michigan, and got new airplanes—the ships we were to fly across the Atlantic into combat. It was customary for the crews to name their ships and decorate the nose in a suitable manner. We pondered for days, but couldn't think of a good name. One day one of the fellows complained that we were just a bunch of 'yardbirds' and the name stuck. We moved on to Bangor, Me., where we had the name 'YARDBIRD' along with Snuffy Smith and his jug painted on the nose."

After seven successful combat missions, "Yardbird #1" was heavily

attacked on its return from bombing the submarine base at Lorient, France. Twenty-six enemy planes attacked from all directions. The Yardbird kept shooting and flying and managed to knock down seven of them. The ship was badly damaged—so much so that the crew was in doubt as to whether or not they would be able to make it back to England. Lt. J.W. Ferrar (now captain) decided to take the ship to a lower altitude because of a broken main spar in the left wing. He was afraid the wing would fold up, because the ship was flapping along like a pelican.

Eleven enemy planes continued to pursue the old boy until they reached midchannel. RAF spitfires came out to greet the Yardbird, and the Jerries turned tail and headed back to France.

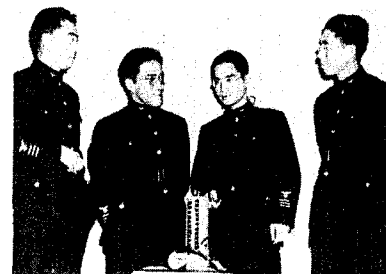
The crew hated to see it go, but the old Yardbird was hauled into the hangar and remained there.

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CHINESE OFFICERS STUDY AT SAACC

"China will start its great offensive as soon as it receives the necessary supplies, for the Chinese people are all united under Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek," according to Capt. Si King Liu, a medical doctor in the Chinese Air Forces who is now at the Cadet Center with three of his countrymen. The others are Captains Young Ching Tai, Shio Lin Sieh and Tsu Young Chen.

The four physicians arrived in the United States three months ago to study medical science in the armed forces. They were at Santa Ana, Calif. for a few weeks and recently completed a course at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph.



Left to right, Captains Si King Liu, Tsu Young Chen, Shio Lin Sieh and Young Ching Tai.

At SAACC they are studying the medical processing unit in the Classification section and hope to institute similar methods among Chinese air cadets when they return.

BUY MORE BONDS



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NEWEST IMPLICATIONS OF RUSSIAN - POLISH DISPUTE

By Pvt. Herman Brandmiller

While the Moscow and Teheran conferences supposedly answered many questions regarding future conduct of the war, and likewise answered questions concerning the future of the world, there still remains unanswered the question, "What of the smaller European countries?" Theoretically the four great powers, United States, Great Britain, Russia and China, will keep the peace, but already the problem of the smaller states has arisen to disturb diplomatic circles. At the present, although the Russian-Polish dispute has almost been settled, nevertheless there remains a hint of trouble in the background.

The proposal that the 1920 Curzon line be made the eastern boundary of Poland and its tentative acceptance by the Polish diplomats has only prolonged any final decision which would establish a precedent affecting all of the smaller countries. For purposes of harmony, favorable war propaganda, and avowed high ethical standards on the part of the stronger nations we probably should accept the published accounts of the dispute and charge it all up to the century old border disputes of central Europe. It seems to us, however, that there is a more vital problem in the background to consider.

WHICH ROAD WILL PEACE TAKE?

The big problem is that of the future peace of the world and whether or not the four great powers can forget their own selfish interests and petty desires. Are they BIG enough to insure the four freedoms to the world or will they



in the end split and go their own way?

Putting two and two together from the news dispatches on the Polish border question, it looks as if the United States and Great Britain may not interfere. Stalin offered to give Poland territory in eastern Germany without consulting either the United States or Great Britain. This caused much anxiety in London and Washington diplomatic circles, despite the fact that this idea was probably discussed at the Teheran and Moscow conferences. The United States and Great Britain were once more on the diplomatic spot. Toward the end of the dispute Britain almost had this surface argument settled when Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden convinced Poland that they should resume negotiations with Russia, providing Russia would allow Britain and the United States to take part in the negotiations and share in the responsibility of the settlement. But Russia would not agree to this proposal and strongly hinted that Britain and the U.S. were to stay out.

Press dispatches from Moscow carried rumors of separate peace proposals and in turn denials from London. These seem to indicate an attempt to divert attention from the Polish border situation, or that Russia was displeased over the recognition of the Polish government in Exile by the U. S. and Great Britain, and probably most important of all—Russia figuratively says that the matter of her neighbors and boundaries is her business, will continue to be her business and is the business of no one else.

The Russo-Polish dispute presages more problems in both the Balkan and Baltic states. That the four great powers will have to get

together and stick together on the out in the open boundary settlement disputes and to a greater extent on the sub-surface nationalistic desires seems to be the big desideratum of these latest diplomatic developments.

NEWEST AIR FORCE ISSUE HAS DOUBLE FEATURE ON PACIFIC STRAFE-BOMBING

A "double feature" on strafe-bombing in the South Pacific, thrilling detailed accounts of how AAF light and medium bombers are reaping big results by this daring and highly skilled technique, appears in the February issue of Air Force.

Authors of the twin articles are Col. Donald P. Hall, CO of the 5 Air Force attack group, and Lee Van Atta, International News Service war correspondent. Mr. Van Atta describes how Jap shipping is strafe-bombed and Col. Hall discusses its application to enemy airdromes.

In addition the AAF official service journal in February contains articles and photographs on A-36 action in the Mediterranean theatre, the Air Wacs, the Army Airways Communications System.

USO ROUND TABLE

COL. R. L. LANDERS, U.S. ARMY RETIRED, WILL CONDUCT AN INFORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT "CAN GERMANY BE FORCED TO SURRENDER?" ON WED., FEB. 2, AT 2000 AT THE SALVATION ARMY U.S.O., 505 N. PRESA ST. THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF ROUND TABLES WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY COL. LANDERS. ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND TAKE PART IN THE FORUM.



WORDS

By Chaplain Paul W. Murphy

From the book of Proverbs we learn that words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in frames of silver. Certainly words are a powerful and beautiful force. They can inspire, discourage, heal, wound, make friends or enemies. Let us consider first their strength of inspiration in these words from Susan Coolidge:

"Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morning is the world made new.
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you
A hope for me and a hope for you."

Then away with the words that would steal our joy and rob us of our faith. Too often the saying that "somebody is always taking the joy out of life with the things they say" is true.

The Bible has much to say about a man's words. "What man is he," writes the Psalmist, "that desireth life and loveth many days that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile." That person who is careless with his words may be also careless in matters of greater import. Words are not only a force of good and evil, but a revelation of character as well. We are told "men shall give an account to God for every idle word spoken. Here then is both a challenge and an admonition, a sobering thought to all of us.

In this hour when we are expecting to give our best, I ask, how can anyone truthfully believe that he is doing his part if his words are degrading and ignoble as contrasted with those which are morale-lifting and fitly spoken.

Many a person has made valuable friends from a word kindly spoken, or a word of cheer or encouragement. The happiness of many a home is blighted because words which cut and wound are spoken rather than words of love, cheer and hope. Soldier, why not take it upon yourself to give more earnest thought and consideration to the effect of your words upon others, remembering that words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in frames of silver.



Q. When I entered the Army last year I took out \$10,000 insurance, naming my wife as beneficiary. Since then she divorced me and now I want to make the policy payable to my mother. Is it permissible to do this?

A. Yes a service man may change his insurance beneficiary at any time without the knowledge or consent of the beneficiary.

Q. Is it true that an enlisted man wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor is entitled to be saluted by officers?

A. This is an old army custom and is observed in many stations both in the USA and abroad. There is nothing in Army Regulations, however, that requires an officer to salute an EM wearing the Medal of Honor.

885 SPREES IN "CAVE"



Top left: PFC Charles Dietz, Pvt. William Wood, Cpl. Theofol Chagares, Cpl. Ralston Bloom, and Cpl. Justice Urbish. Top right: Sgt. and Mrs. Enos Slaughter, 1st. Sgt. R. E. and Mrs. Houser. Bottom left: Cpl. Roy Brock and wife, Cpl. Clifton Myers, Sgt. Kecor Margoian, (next two soldiers unidentified), Sgt. Robert Cavanagh, and Cpl. William P. Gilbert. Bottom right: S/Sgt. Albert Ragazzo and wife, S/Sgt. Edsel Johnson and friend, S/Sgt. James Bayless, Cpl. Leroy Johnson and friend, Sgt. Okla Allbaugh and friend, and S/Sgt. Harry J. Ellis and friend.

The 885 CC Sq. went subterranean for a night. In the proto depths of the Gunter "Cave" Saturday night the soldiers of the 885, with their vice versas, enjoyed dining, dancing and other good things in life. A large crowd was present, mostly familiar faces, but here and there vague but friendly faces were to be seen. All in all everyone had a good time.

Hosts at the affair were squadron CO, Capt. F.N. Millican, squadron adjutant, Lt. D.K. McKinney, and 1st Sgt. R.E. Houser. A vote of thanks is naturally expressed by all men in the squadron for the party, and as usual a hope that another is in the offing. Majors R.L. Humphrey and W.F. McDonald were also present to partake in the pleasantries of the evening.

Shots in the dark: Sgt. R.V. Cavanagh beat a steady path to the buffet table, Sgt. Renek arrived with pipe and wife, both new. Cpl. Schulte came with his lovely wife. The rice was still in their hair. Sgt. E.B. Slaughter and wife attended as guests, and as always found the table with the vitamins. M/Sgt. Ruhman was emcee at his own table all evening, and Sunday he went horseback riding. He now has a pretty picture in pastels. Sgt. Maxwell was there with one of the Women at War. Cpl. P.L. Ridenhour was present with a young lady, and he also had a telegram, all which adds up to, "well, that's life". Lindner, Dunn, Callan, Michaelson, Pluss, Crecca, Bellenghi, Sheetz and McAdams were sitting at one table. It looked like old home week. Pvt. F. Raines was sitting in a cozy corner table with two carbon copy "Carmens". He was joined later by other members of the party who, with the assistance of Churchill's basic English exchanged repartee. Cpl. R.D. Conway forsook the position of CA at the Menger for one night and entertained the Multitude with songs. His Sinatraesque swoonery was enhanced by the fact that the mike held him up. Sgt. Hal Berman was present with his ballerina. The two engaged in some more or less complicated terpsichorean capers. At least, it looked complicated to the uninitiated. Sgt. M.S. Block, Cpl. E.A. Ali and Cpl. E.A. Kras-

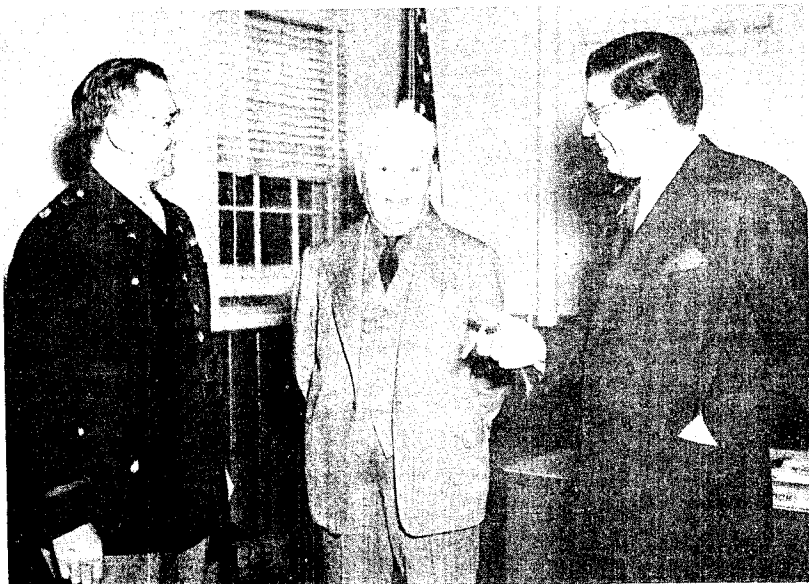
inski were at a table, without elevators, but with three charming ladies. Sgt. Block contributed a few dance steps that brought back memories of the Republic, the Eltinge and Gaiety. Pvt. Herb Hillman, the coming pugilist of the squadron was present with his charming better half who was much in demand as a dancing partner. Pvt. "Sloop" McAdams, as usual, ran the gamut of something or other, and contributed to the events of the soiree. PFC R.E. Salter, ex of the telephone company, was ringing the bell all evening as a dancing partner. Each dance he had he clutched his partner as if she were going down for the third time.

The music by the SAACC Orchestra was enjoyable as always. Not one word of disapproval was expressed, except that it wasn't long enough. S/Sgt. E.G. Brown and wife were spending their second honeymoon, or at least they seemed to be having enough fun to consider it that way. Cpl. P.A. Mullis covered the most distance, for he was always on the move. He ended up singing "Bringing in the Sheaves". "The Count" Visalli left the party, without the Countess, and unfortunately, got on the bus and left the "Countess" sitting on the curb. Cpl. O.D. DiBernardo went to the depot to wait for the train that never came. He returned all the better for his trip.

Time or space is not available to record all the personalities and events of the evening, but it can be said that it was a grand evening for all concerned. The hearty thanks of all those present go out again to all those responsible for the affair, and the common hope is that another gathering of the flock is in the books.

Toujours en avant.

GOLDEN GLOVES FOUNDER VISITS CADET CENTER



Bull-session being indulged in between Paul Gallico, noted sports authority; Lt. Col. Robert T. Rock Jr., director of Classification Center of the Cadet Center, and (center) Frank M. Lewis, president of Texas Golf Assn. Later Gallico addressed 1200 aviation cadets and students in Service Club No. 2.

Paul Gallico, who originated the Golden Gloves annual tournaments as a reporter for the New York Daily News brought back memories of sports heroes of the roaring '20s when he visited the Cadet Center recently. Gallico is a nationally known authority on sports and at one-time was the highest paid sports writer in the country.

Mr. Gallico, guest of Lt. Col. Robert T. Rock, Jr., director of the Classification section of the Cadet Center, spoke at a gathering in Service Club No. 2. He is on an impromptu lecture tour of army bases and hospitals.

"You have to be hard and tough and mean," Mr. Gallico told his audience, "when you go into a fight. That is the reason I consider Jack Dempsey, the old Manassa Mauler, the greatest prizefighter I ever saw."

"He was my favorite because he never complained," Gallico said. "He never had an alibi, never had any excuse whatsoever when the breaks went against him. He just took it, and when he could, he gave back in kind."

Gallico retired from active sports writing in 1937 when he began writing fiction. Later he created the lovable and best-selling fiction character, "Hiram Holliday". He knows his fighters.

Tribute to Bobby Jones, golfer, as the "Champion of Champions" was paid by Gallico in recalling memorable events in the world of sports.

"He had nerve," Gallico said. "Jones was the greatest technician of all. He was head and shoulders above everyone in his line, and he was a gentleman, a real man."

"The feat of the quiet little man from Atlanta, Ga., now a major in the Air Corps, in winning a 'grand slam', both the American open and amateur and the British open and amateur titles in one year was the greatest achievement I could possibly think of."

While in San Antonio, Mr.

Gallico was the guest of Frank Lewis, president of the Texas Golf Association. Mr. Gallico's next stop on his itinerary will be Houston and Corpus Christi.

EM CAN'T MAKE ALLOTMENTS FOR \$3.75 AFTER FEB. 29

Effective: April 1, no enlisted man can make a Class B allotment for War Bonds for less than \$6.25 a month by order of The Adjutant General.

No new Class B allotment for less than \$6.25 will be accepted, and all allotments for less amount already in effect will be cancelled automatically as soon as payments for full bonds are completed.

If an enlisted man with a Class B allotment of \$3.75 concludes his total for an \$18.75 bond in March, no further monthly deduction of \$3.75 will be made from his pay in April.

But if his March pay started the accumulation of \$3.75 amounts toward an \$18.75 bond, then that allotment will continue in effect through July when the bond payment is complete.

By order from The Adjutant General's Office, no discontinuance forms will be processed by the field, and no notification of allotment discontinuance will be processed by the Army War Bond Officer in Chicago. Automatic cancellation will be regarded as sufficient.

A new and "vigorous" program to sign up all personnel affected by this directive for increased allotment amounts is urged, Maj. James H. Mickey, Post War Bond Officer, announced.

"YARBIRD" SEES ACTION

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until May 12. Most of the crew never flew in it again.

Yardbird II then came into the picture. When the fliers got the ship, it had the name "Snoopy" on it. It didn't take them long to scratch off that name. However, for the crew itself had come to be known as "the yardbirds". A first raid on Bremen found "Yardbird II" leading its group. In subsequent raids on Germany and France, the Nazis grew to fear the firing power of our "forts", but they did manage to down quite a few AFTER they had accomplished their missions.

Pilot John W. Farrar, of Mattoon, Ill., 1st Lt. R.H. Auman, the navigator, and T/Sgt. E.K. Lindwall, the radio operator, all finished their 25th mission on May 15, 1943. Upper turret gunner T/Sgt. Kenneth Hassler finished on the next raid. Three raids later, the rest of the crew was shot down over St. Nazaire, but they lived to finish their missions in the original "Yardbird".

While Lt. Auman doesn't tell us so, the crew was one of the most decorated of all flying fortress crews in the air battle over Germany. Among Lt. Auman's medals are the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, and several lesser decorations. Proof enough of the hell they gave the Nazis during the combat life of Yardbirds I and II.

Lt. Jack Stewart of Austin, Texas, served as bombardier on both ships. Lt. Joseph Trojan was copilot until Capt. Farrar finished his missions and then he moved up to the coveted pilot's position. Gunners included: S/Sgt. L.T. O'Connell, S/Sgt. Joe Sunderlin, S/Sgt. P.H. Prescott, S/Sgt. F.W. Bartlett, and R.L. Stevenson.

Most of the crew members are back in the states now. Ric is an instructor at Dalhart, Texas, and

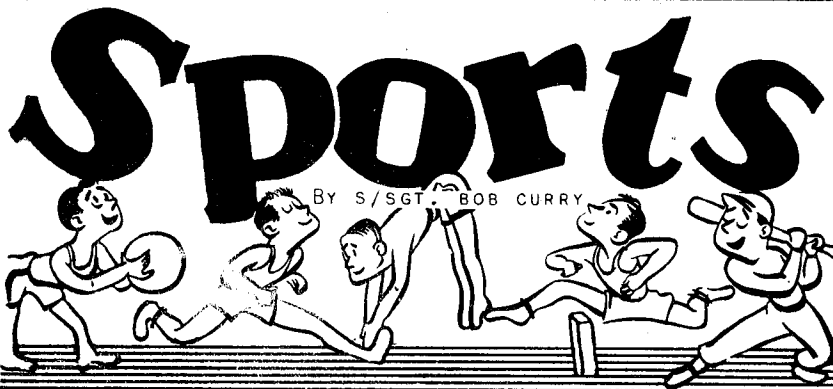


1st LT. R.H. AUMAN

the other boys are scattered throughout the country.

We are, indeed, indebted to Lt. Auman, and the Public Relations Office of the 308 Bombardment Group for volunteering the information about their ships. We feel sure the story of The Yardbird will prove of interest to many of our enlisted men and maybe some officers and cadets. Anyway we're grateful.

"Out of the Frying Pan", an hilarious comedy, setting Greenwich Village, plays at San Pedro Playhouse across from the Bug Garage Wed., Feb. 2. These SAACC actors will be seen: Sgt. Frank Durkee, Cpl. Lou Ray Montgomery, Sgt. Vic Kaehler, Sgt. Halsey Davis, Sgt. Irving Packowitz, stage manager, and PFC Paul Montelbano.



PRU LEADS LEAGUE DEFEATS 29ATU 40-33

Psychological Research Unit was far in front of the EM Intra-squadron League field of 14 teams after plowing under her newest competition, 29 Altitude Training Unit, 40-33 Friday night at the Field House. The Psychs broke 29s spirit in the last quarter after holding their own for three-fourths the game.

Breen of the Psychs was high point man for the contest with six field goals and a free throw for 13 points. Hotshot H.P. McMahon followed for 29 ATU with 12 points.

Ordnance unexpectedly threw 885 Sq. with a close 31-29 victory. Quartermaster was unable to cope with the shooting of Pendergast, DeMuta and McAlister of 883 Sq. and lost 46-32. These three in order scored 18, 12 and 13 points.

HEADLEY NETS 24 POINTS

Although Headley, a forward, scored 24 of his teams 26 points, the 1043 Guard Sq. five could not beat a Tent City Quintet that scored 37 markers. Tolley made 8 field goals for 16 points and Carroll roped 14 points for the 884 Sq. The Medics walloped Hq. & Hq. 332 Sq. of Preflight 44-16. While the Hq. team watched Chief Wylle, his teammate Talasca threw in 18 points. Wylle could score but eight. Irish Callahan scored ten times. In the sixth game of the night, 882 whipped a stumbling 509 team that sputtered and missed fire at crucial times, 32-30. Lewis of 882 hooped five goals for ten points. He was high point man for this contest.

PRU, 1043 GUARDS, 882, MEDICS, 881, 29 ATU WIN TUESDAY CAGE GAMES

Outcome of games played Tuesday night in the Cadet Center Enlisted Men's cage league ran pretty much true to form. Psychological Research Unit edged out 883 by the narrowest of margins, 25-24 to avert what would have been a major upset. The game developed into an individual scoring duel between PRUs Bob Breen and Joe Whitaker of 883. Each chalked up 14 points. The victory stretched the PRU string to six straight, and no defeats have yet been marked up against them.

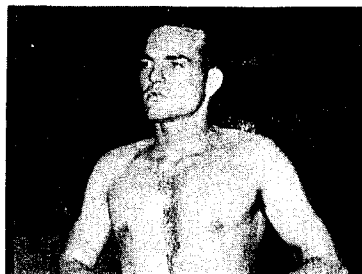
Guard Squadron's gradually improving quintet finally broke into the win column with a decisive 32-10 victory over Ordnance. Headley was the 1043rd's main point maker with 18.

Bob Kent and Enos Slaughter led 882 to an overwhelming triumph over Hq. & Hq. of Preflight, 52-7.

Medics continued their winning ways by taking 884 into camp, 33-25. Barlow paced the Medic attack with

SAACC ENTERS STRONG TEAM IN BOXING TOURNAMENTS; START WITH RANDOLPH FEB. 11

The San Antonio Army Athletic Council has announced that three teams have already entered the series of boxing tournaments that it will promote. These teams include the Cadet Center, Randolph and Brooks. It is possible that Medical Service of Ft. Sam Houston will also enter this week.



S/Sgt. Wayne Armstrong, Texas Amateur Athletic Federation champion in the welterweight ranks, is one of the star performers on the Cadet Center boxing team handled by Capt. Don Rossi, former Michigan State boxing titleholder.

Capt. Don Rossi of the Cadet Center has a strong team this season. It will be coached by Pvt. Terry Robinson, former New York pro, Cpl. Hardy Sorkin, Texas AAF champion Cpl. Ray Walker, who formerly managed Henry Armstrong and was a good boxer himself.

Competition gets underway Feb. 11 when the Cadet Center meets Randolph. Other matches already arranged include Feb. 18, Randolph at Brooks, Feb. 23, Randolph at Cadet Center, Feb. 28, Brooks at Cadet Center, March 3, Brooks at Randolph, and March 10, Cadet Center at Brooks.

10 points.

Frank Isola split the meshes six times from the floor to lead 881 to a 35-25 win over 509.

Altitude Training toyed with Quartermaster, the final score reading 46-8. McLaughlin and Endicott scored 14 to 10 points respectively for the winners.

POST EM FIVE STOPS STINSON PIONEERS 45-37 TO WIN THIRD STRAIGHT VICTORY

The Cadet Center Enlisted Men's basketball team extended its winning streak in the Service League to three straight at the Stinson Field gymnasium Thursday night by defeating the stubborn Pioneers 45-37. It was Stinson's third consecutive loss.

BOANDL HIGH

The heavy gunning of towering Walt Boandl and the dashing Chuck Richardson, who scored 15 and 12 points respectively, played a prominent part in the Warhawk victory. None the less important was the retrieving of rebounds off both backboards on the part of Emmett Breen and Eddie Rathjen and the brilliant floor work of John Baslev. John McMahon played his usual effective game. Ralrh McNeill, a jumping-jack forward with speed galore and an accurate "basket" eye, caused the Warhawks plenty of trouble. McNeill hit five times and his 10 points were high for Stinson.

AN ALL-STAR CADET TEAM
WILL PLAY THE UNDEFEATED POST
EM QUINTET SATURDAY NIGHT JAN.
29 AT THE FIELD HOUSE, TIME
2000. A MINIMUM FEE OF 10 CENTS
WILL BE CHARGED. ALL PROCEEDS
TO GO TO THE PARALYSIS FUND.

CAPPS AND REYNOLDS SPURT

SAACC shaded the Stinson cagers 8-6 in the second frame to gain a 21-18 edge at half-time. Twice during this period the Warhawks held a five point lead and once a flurry of baskets shot by Bill Capps and Bobo Reynolds cut the margin to one point.

Coach Breen's cagers went to work in the third quarter, and increased their lead to 34-23. Richardson found the mark three times from the floor and twice from the penalty stripe while McMahon and Easley sank field goals and Breen a free toss. Stinson was held to five points during this period.

ANDL AGAIN

With McNeill leading the charge on three baskets, the Pioneers threatened to overtake the Warhawks in a last period drive. After McNeill and George Atkinson had popped in baskets, Connors and Rathjen matched shots and the score read 36-29. Stinson gradually closed in on shots by McNeill and Bill Scott, a long-shot artist, to make it 36-33 with five minutes to go. Reynold's basket coming after Breen had shot a free throw for SAACC made the score read 37-35 with but two minutes left. At this point Boandl was sent in and proceeded to save the day for SAACC with three field goals. McNeill's basket was Stinson's last scoring gesture.

THE LINEUPS:

SAACC	FG	FT	TP
Richardson, f	5	2	12
Boandl, f	7	1	15
Easley, f	1	0	2
Rathjen, c	3	0	6
Breen, g	0	2	2
McMahon, g	4	0	8
Totals	20	5	45
STINSON	FG	FT	TP
McNeill, f	5	0	10
Kimpel, f	0	0	0
Capps, f	1	0	2
Connor, f	2	1	5
Atkinson, c	2	1	5
Scott, g	3	0	6
Reynolds, g	4	1	9
Totals	17	3	37

PRE FLIGHT

pot-pourri

332 MAKES DASH FOR CASH

By Cpl. Henry Brenner &
Sgt. Charles Merkelz

Hq. & Hq. Sq. is not the largest squadron on the Hill but it promises to be the fastest. Each man is expected to run the mile every PT session. A three mile relay race between the men of each barrack will be held on Feb. 15.



A cash prize will be awarded to the first team in by Maj. Hewitt. A perpetual trophy will be awarded the winning barrack.

Stiff competition is barrack 8164 with Sgt. Pousts endurance and Cpl. Behlke's claim of breaking a mile under five minutes. Barrack 8166 will probably offer Cpl. Mason and S/Sgt. Lindblad. Also expected on the track are S/Sgt. Adams, Sgt. Hipple, and Cpl. Moran.

Last weeks Man of the Hour every hour after four was T/Sgt. Matowitz who found a greater obstacle on a fence than barb wire. Sgts. Weed and Keeny also decided to spend a week within the confines of the area.

S/Sgt. Goodwins furlough next month will be a honeymoon with that gal in New Jersey. A last thought is from S/Sgt. Bardenheier who would like to know what happened to that washing machine we were supposed to get in place of an extra pool table.

STATION HOSPITAL NEWS

T/5 H. M. Zentner

Never can it be said that the Medics are a drab group. While we may not resemble a rainbow, still we have our moments. A quick gander at the family roster, for example, reveals several BROWNS (T/Sgt. Orville, Cpl. Richard, T/5 Albert and Pvt. Paul), a GREEN (PFC Harold), two WHITES (PFCs. Richard and James), and last but not least a LAVENDER (Pvt. Napoleon). So help us! Among descriptive units of size we fairly well cover the ground with LITTLE (Sgt. Guy and Pvts. James and Lemuel), SMALL (PFC Hollice), LONG (Sgt. Harry and Cpl. Clifford), and MILES (T/5 Amos). As for meteorological terminology, specifically, winds of different types, we have both a Pvt. NORTHER Reeves and a... ah, well, his name ain't EAST, (Lay that pistol down, Sarge!)

A measles to you, PFC Harold Doering, for not notifying this column of your marriage to the charming Fanny Spence on Christmas Day. We wish you both the best of everything.

Speaking of marriage, PFC Joseph Slezak, of the collecting variety of Slezaks, records this

choice epitaph, accidentally stumbled upon one weekend in a cemetery near Boerne:

Here lies the wife of Farmer Thomas Whom tyrant death has torn from us, Her husband never shed a tear Until his wife was buried here, And then he made a fearful rout, For fear she might find her way out.

Personal nomination for the most distinguished looking EM of the Med Det: soft-voiced T/4 Charles McDonough of the Convalescent Training Service. A pleasant chap to become acquainted with if you do not already know him.

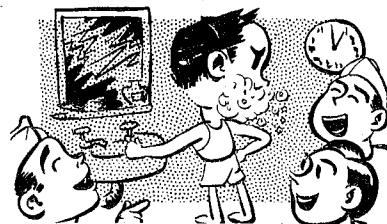
To those Medics fearful of mental stagnation, St. Mary's University in town, beginning Jan. 31, offers accredited college evening courses in approximately 45 subjects ranging from Accounting, Algebra and Advanced Radio thru the alphabet to Physics, Spanish and Zoology. Final day for registration on Feb. 8. Further information will be gladly given upon personal inquiry.

According to PFC John French of the Orthopedic Clinic, the most recent classification of joints is the following: rheumatic, arthritic and clip. The Clinic, by way, is reported to be collecting dice. Anything in the line of old bones, we guess.

29 ATU NEWS

By PFC Cliff Heise

Some of our soldiers think we should rename T/Sgt. Hiland Joyce, 'Sleepy' because the other night one of our number was granted an emergency furlough at 0100 in the morning. Sergeant Joyce, awakened by the noisy preparations, thought it was morning. One eye closed, the other nearly closed, he stumbled out of bed, grabbed his shaving



kit and staggered down the aisle. Only when he applied soapy lather to his face did he wake up to realize it was only 0100 and sheepishly returned to bed for a few more hours of sleep.

Many of the men of the unit have shown a great deal of interest in the EM Flying Club which is in the process of organizing. At the first meeting of the club, the 29th represented a major bloc.

We would like to congratulate Cpl. Bob Williams of the Unit who was elected president of the Post Camera Club. Cpl. Williams is an excellent photographer. We are sure he will lead the Photo Club smoothly.

On Fri., Jan. 14, we again had our weekly orientation lecture, conducted by Lt. Davenport and S/Sgt. Seymour Phillips. Lt. Davenport headed the discussion of the weekly news events and Phillips gave an excellent report on the statistics governing the average life of our pilots in combat and a brief report, compiled

several months ago, on the Allied objectives in bombing Germany. His reports were a bit remote from the Eighth Air Force activities, but nevertheless interesting.

A few days ago an addition was made to our basketball team. Some new red suits were purchased through the Unit Fund. On Tues., Jan. 11, we again scored another victory by conquering 509 38-25. The following Friday our Unit basketball team suffered their first defeat at the hands of the 881 quintet. Both teams showed excellent form on the ball court. The game was nip and tuck all the way, but our ball hawks were forced to bow in defeat. The final score was 35-31. When the teams again meet, our boys are out to beat them.

Basketball is one of the favorite sports of the soldiers of the 29 ATU. This was adequately demonstrated by the big turnout for the SAACC-Randolph game a few nights ago. As you already know the SAACC team won by a good margin, beating Randolph 38-29.

Many of the northern boys on the Post had a bit of home when for the first time in years a blizzard (as the Texans tell it) hit San Antonio. The city was completely blanketed with snow for 24 hours. To add a little life to it, S/Sgt. Betts had to push his car that day since he ran out of gas, or maybe he was snow-bound and just used the gas story as an alibi. How about it, Max?

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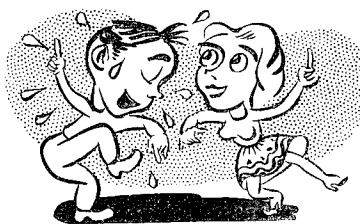
NOTES ON THE 882ND

By PFC James P. Shovlin, Jr.

Big doings afoot at the 882 last week. A fellow didn't have to "be in the know" to sense that THINGS were happening. That air of tension, began to grip the boys as early as Thursday. Nobody said much. But the under-current was there. Pants were pressed, shoes shined like polished mirrors, and much telephoning done in low, tense voices. No doubt about it. The 882nd was going into action.

At 2000 in the Rose Room of the Gunter Hotel the shindig started. An eight-piece orchestra supplied the music. After a tune or two, the chow line formed. The food was not GI, it was excellently cooked by the hotel's chef. The free beer was there as promised, all one could reasonably want. The more freely it flowed, the louder the music sounded, the hotter the moan of the saxophones, the higher the wail of the clarinets. The band really began to beat it out.

Sgt. Joe Gross was in the thick of things giving his all. He wove, and spun and stamped like the jitterbug champion of these parts. And through it all, a look of angelic happiness transfixed his face, while the perspiration dripped



steadily from his chin, drop by drop.

Unfortunately, some of the boys "left" the rest of the gang early. The first absence noted was S/Sgt. Louis Eden, quickly followed by Pvt. Harry Lavine, and PFC Harrison. S/Sgt. Louis Anzalone wasn't able to enter into the swing of

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PRU COLUMN

By Cpl. Erwin Goodman
POSING A QUESTION

Happened to be out of tobacco the other night so I bummed a pipe full of the weed from V. Davis. After loading my pipe with his mixture of Bond Street, Revelation, Briggs, and Kaleigh, we began the usual spiel about



the merits of pipe tobaccos. Then Vernon at the right moment brought out a little saying he had written on a piece of scrap paper. It was, "A pipe is a great comforter, a pleasant soother. It ripens the brain, it opens the heart, and the man who smokes thinks like a sage and acts like a samaritan." My associative wires then began to play a matching game (free association). Great comforter--Rahm, pleasant soother--Grice, pipe brain--Kamman, open heart--Glaser (empirical evidence, he loaned me five bucks the other day), thinks like a sage--too numerous to mention, acts like a samaritan--if Cpl. Evans Anderson were only here--and smoked. Davis, at this time somewhat puzzled, posed the question. Which came first, the pipe and its smoker or the universally accepted qualities of a great person. To be specific, can we say, if Sgt. Willmann began smoking a pipe, would his brain begin to ripen like PFC Kamman's? Would a kay-woodie brimmed with Granger be a comforter for Sgt. Sprow? How would a corn cob of Kentucky Club soothe Sgt. "Col." Lane?

Maybe psychology has overlooked a problem here that has vast potentialities for the furthering of man's happiness and human welfare. When one begins to count the numerous types of pipes, the people who smoke them, mixtures of tobaccos, etc., it set one to wondering. No doubt there is enough material on pipe smoking and personality for at least one research Ph.D. study. If Pvt. Krasnow gets this far in the column, he'll surely think of correlating pipe smoking with classification of Cadets.

Cpl. W. Cleckler and PFC C. Egger can ride and rope the Western way. Ole Waylon says he's just itchin' to pull leather on a broncho and let 'im go. Tip: you'll find horses as rough and ready as you like at Brackenridge Park. Ain't so, Gay.

Pvt. R. DeNyse ki da enjoyed his convalescent stay at Camp Mystic. There is something for you people who go to the hospital.

When Sgt. Robbins asked the Unit how many were interested in taking flying lessons something like 15 men eagerly raised their hands for participation in the sport. Later, coming down to a lower microscopic level count, i.e. application for club membership only four were interested. Thought most of the men knew flying was not a philosophical study.

Pvt. "Bob" Davis' wife "Janie" is working over in Classification Headquarters. She follows up Bob's feats on the basketball court as eagerly as Sgt. Menozzi keeps after his unbeatable team. The "Iron Men" of the Psych basketball team just keep rolling along, unbeatable in spirit and in game.

Classification CONTOURS

EXPERIMENT

Every Friday night during clean-up there evolves in miniature, pros and cons for the democratic way of doing the job. For the old timers in the barracks, there are observed various groups from one period of time to another. In one period, no one knew who was in charge of a detail. Everyone pitched in and everyone finished early and together. In another period, the non-com in charge of a detail was very evident. When he asked a man to do a certain job, you'd think he (man being asked) was being insulted. In the first group there was more social consciousness, an insight into the good results of a working-togetherness. In the latter group there was personality outcropping toward the carrying out of a detail, little social consciousness; hence, resultant tension between individual and person who is enforced to take charge of the detail. These are two extremes in the ways Friday night clean-ups have been carried out.

HQ. & HQ. TERRAIN

By Sgt. John S. Curtis

Daily prayer of the men here is "God, deliver us from rumors!" Apparently the prayers are answered because Sgt. Self recently brought his wife to San Antonio; Cpl. Schneider is planning the same, as is your correspondent. And Sgt. Scannell is going ahead with his plans for marriage to a Kansas City pretty. They, also, will abide in S. A.

Congratulations to the new PFCs Lakes, Payton and Somers, and add to the corporal list H. C. Babbitt and E. J. Schettig. May there be many more!



First Sgt. R. E. Jones is one of those people who have to be forced to take a furlough. It has been a year since his last, but he is at present bidding a tearful adieu to his desk. Just a slave of industry.

SHOTS FROM THE MEDICS

By Pvt. Semel Hertzell Jacobson

The boys in MPU pay a tribute to T/Sgt. Orvall Brown as he leaves us this week to fill the position of Sgt. Major in the Rehabilitation program. Replacing him is T/Sgt. Donald Olson, who we hope will do as good a job as his predecessor.

MPUs own Tanny is that way over an MP. At latest report she and Charlie have adopted a brown teddy bear for the duration with plans of real ones after the war.

If you ever wondered why Sgt. Gossfeld has a bald spot in his pretty red hair. Ask the girl who put it there with adhesive tape. What a perfect aim! How about it, Gloria?

Why does S/Sgt. Margo hesitate to wear his barrel sweater these chilly days? It could be the shape sweet Mollie left it in after her trial fitting last week.

Just picture this ideal MPU soldier: he would have the disposition of Sgt. Margo and Sgt. Coleman, the nature of Sgt. Daubenspeck and Sgt. Andrews, the line of Sgt. Olson and Cpl. Martinat, the eyes of Sgt. Beasley and Sgt. Brown--what luscious eyes; the smile of Pvt. Lange and Sgt. Gossfeld, the hair of Sgt. Bentley and Cpl. Merritt, and the all around good looks of Pvt. Flat Nose McNabb. Wow! what a man that would be!!!!

After stumbling over pots and pans, you know what I mean. As a ward man Cpl. Francis Hopkins is glad to return to MPU.

AND FROM THE 28 AV. SQ.

By Sgt. Joseph H. Thompson

Several non-coms are taking basic training starting Jan. 15. S/Sgt. Marvin Shepherd is in charge of the 1-2-3-4 cadence. Our soldiers are undergoing one of the toughest courses of its kind. S/Sgt. Joseph L. Kelly instructs in chemical warfare, Cpl. Frank Lambert teaches use of the carbine rifle, its care and maintenance. Since the shift to the carbine, more GIs have been qualifying on the rifle range.

Our new jodies have introduced singular songs and rhythm into the drill work. But our long tenure on the Post has been fixed by the example of the cadets, and the new notions will be subordinated to prescribed customs already in effect.

BRICK BATS AND BOUQUETS

Pvt. Joe Green is often noticed going to town on those nights his friends stay on the Post. Is Joe as fast as the rumors would have him be?

The supply man on the low end is in the GI dog house. I wonder why? Wait, pal, until the all clear is sounded before you go home.

Hampered by lack of practice, the 28 Av. P-38s lost to the 304 Sq. from Kelly Field 37-30 Tues. Jan. 18 at the Colored Recreation Center in San Antonio.



PFC Howland H. Hyson decided to take on a wife after several unsuccessful attempts. He went on two weekend leaves to get hitched. Both missed fire, so with a final off-day pass, he made the rifle. Good luck, Jodie. Beg pardon, I mean, Hysie.

RICHARD CROOKS PLEASES AUDITORIUM MUSIC LOVERS; SINGS SEVERAL ENCORES

By Pvt. Herman Brandmiller

The San Antonio Symphony Orchestra gave its best performance of the season at the Municipal Auditorium last Saturday night, with Richard Crooks of the Metropolitan Opera Co. as guest artist, the program in its entirety was pleasing to the audience which packed the auditorium to overflowing.

Tschaikowsky's Symphony No. 4 in F Minor opened the program, which this listener thinks was outstanding both in content and execution. Dr. Reiter used the brass section to its fullest in the first and last movements of Tschaikowsky's Fourth, which made this "heavy" number all the more enjoyable. The string section gave such an excellent interpretation of the third movement -- scherzo -- that the audience quite properly, we think, gave them well earned applause at the end of this movement.

Four well known Musical miniatures, Boccherini's Minuet, Rimsky-Forsakoff's Flight of the Bumble-Bee from "The Tsar Saltan", Liadoff's Musical Snuff Box, and Hora Staccato by Dinicu-Heifetz were quite delicately played in the lighter vein they required. The "Bumblebee", however, might have been played with more sharpness.

The orchestra's closing number, The Dance of the Drunken Sailor from Gliere's "The Red Poppy", brought the concert to a close with life and sparkle. Dr. Reiter's choice of numbers for the concert is to be commended. If he continues to bring such fine programs there is no doubt but that The San Antonio Orchestra in time will become one of the country's better orchestras.

Richard Crooks' selection of numbers was likewise pleasing to the audience. In fact, he was given quite an ovation after his final encore, Schubert's "Ave Maria". He sang the popular Where'er You Walk, from Handel's "Semele" and Mendelssohn's, If With All Your Hearts from "Elijah". In the second part of the program the lighter numbers were well received, especially the Negro Spiritual, "Were You There".

The orchestra, with the string sections standing out in particular, accompanied the soloist very creditably, and Crooks showed his appreciation by shaking hands twice with Concert Master Gallo.

MEN GRIPE ABOUT TIGHT PANTS--ARMY PERMITS ALTERATIONS--FREE

Washington--Two out of five men in the Army say they have uncomfortably tight pants.

This was revealed in a survey of complaints made in a gripe sheet recently circulated by Maj. Gen. F.H. Osborn, director of morale of the service division.

As a result, the War Department immediately issued an order permitting the men to have their clothes altered without charge.

As against this only one soldier in eight complained that his shoes do not fit.

Mr. Sam Merade, civilian employee in charge of the tailor shop in Classification Center confirmed the statement that tight pants will be altered at Uncle Sam's expense. If the sleeves of your shirt are too long they are also worked on. If you are an ordinary GI, undoubtedly your blouse hasn't that snappy look. See Sam the tailor. He'll fix you up.

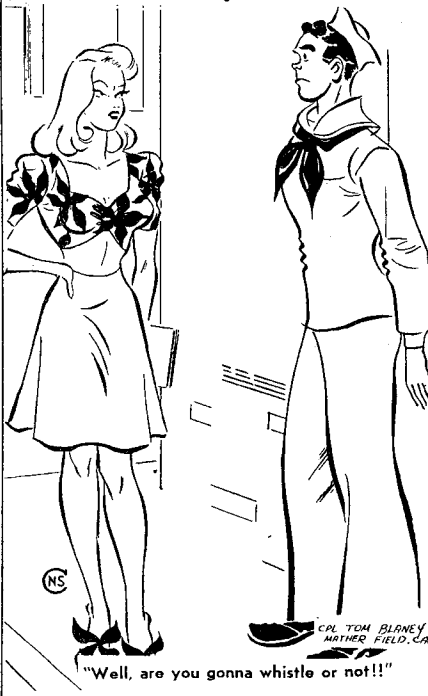
KID OF THE WEEK



Remember the blond chunk of dynamite who gave an exhibition battle at the Field House when Sgt. Joe Louis came to SAACC. That was Terry Robinson. This is his daughter, Madelyn.

She is that complete Nordic combination of blond hair and blue eyes. Date of birth was Sept. 5, 1941. Because he's not at all prejudiced, Terry says "She's the prettiest 'lil girl in America". By common consent of mother and dad, Madelyn will study voice and dancing as a young sprout. Y'see, baby's mother was a model before marriage. And besides, it's Terry's contribution that Madelyn gets her good looks from the household keeper.

Terry himself is a PT instructor working in the Convalescent Training Program, and lends a hand with the Golden Gloves. His professional boxing as a civilian comes in handy.



BOTHERED BY INCOME TAX RETURNS - SEE YOUR SQUADRON REPRESENTATIVE FEB. 15

Representatives from each enlisted squadron on the Hill may be contacted Feb. 15 and thereafter by those GIs whose income tax returns are bothering them.

These picked soldiers will attend a conference so that any questions in their own mind will be cleared up, and so they may be able to clear up ordinary income cases.

Daily Bulletin dated 18 January 1944 called attention to the following essential information necessary when requesting assistance:

a. Record or complete tax for 1942 (individually or jointly).

b. Amount of tax paid, whole or in part, for 1942.

c. All sources of income for 1943, for each individual included in Tax Return.

d. Federal tax withheld by employer during 1943.

e. List of deductions claimed for 1943, such as personal exemption, dependent credits, medical and dental expenses, contributions, business losses, taxes, etc.

For the more perplexing income tax returns go to Maj. James H. Mickey or his assistants in Bldg. 1009 next to the bank.

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things. Elsie and the famous slacks failed to show up. Sgt. Robert "Sinatra" Ferguson entertained everyone with songs on the public address system. But no one could remember what he sang. The "Popularity with the Ladies" department was a toss up between T/Sgt. Dick Castele, and PFC "Lover Boy" Carle. "Lover Boy" had a slight edge, until he ran into a little Brooklyn competition. Nuff sed.

All in all, it was a bang up shindig. Everyone admits having the time of their lives. And the inevitable question: "When is the next one gonna be?"

NEW UNIFORMS

The Squadron basketball team continues to travel at a fast pace. To date, they have won 4 and lost 2, for an average of .667. At this writing, they are in a four-way tie for fourth place with 885, 881 and the Medics. Tonight the boys take on Hq. & Hq. Sq. Our gang appears to be in the money. Incidentally, the team will be sporting new uniforms shortly, as will the bowling team mentioned in this column last week.

SLAUGHTER JOINS 882

A famous baseball player joined the squadron last week - Enos Slaughter of the St. Louis Cards. It will be recalled that he played right field for the Red Birds, and was the hero of the 1942 World Series. Sgt. Slaughter until recently has been doing PT work over in Classification. He'll continue in Preflight with the cadets of Group M. Incidentally, get him to show you that ring he was given by the Cardinal management. It's a honey.

ATHLETES VARIABLE

Athletic activity in the squadron is dominated at the moment by intra-squadron teams playing football, basketball, and volley ball. Eight teams are competing in each sport.

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RECORD SHOP

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

ROMEO AND JULIET OVERTURE

A recent Sunday afternoon broadcast by the NBC Symphony Orchestra afforded such listening pleasure that it was felt it would be a good idea to listen to a few recorded versions of the musical compositions that were offered. After hearing all the available recordings of the "Romeo and Juliet" Overture, Victor's album by the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitsky was given the stamp of approval. In this album of three 12-inch records, Tchaikowsky's work is played, just as he would have wanted it played. Five sides are devoted to the overture with Sibelius' "Maiden of the Roses" from the suite-SWAN WHITE--thrown in for good measure. Album #DM-347 by Victor costs but \$3.50 plus tax. RECORD COMPANIES MISS "GRAVY TRAIN"

Maybe all the smart business men have been drafted from our outstanding record companies, or maybe they are so afraid of being inducted that they have lost their ability to pick a hit tune. Whatever the reason, the fact remains that they have been caught napping when it comes to the new hit tune--"No Love, No Nothin'" from Alice Faye's latest flicker, "The Gang's All Here".

Victor would have had very little competition, had they recorded Dinah Shore's lovely voice on this tune. It's just perfect for her. In fact, if they fail to issue such a recording in the next month or so, we'd suggest a shot in the arm for the boys in charge up there in Camden, N. J.

If you have to have a recording of the tune right away, you might try Johnny Long's on Decca. It's superior in many ways to the Russ Morgan or the Ella Mae Morse version. Personally, I'd suggest waiting for a better recording. Someone's bound to put a better interpretation of this fine tune on wax.

CHICAGO JAZZ ALBUM RANKS HIGH

Though recorded in late '39 and early '40, Decca's Album 121 is still one of the most popular sets of contemporary recordings. Little wonder, either, with the outstanding artists it features. Under the name of Eddie Condon's Chicagoans, the boys who whoop it up at Nick's in the Big City recorded four splendid sides. #18040 pairs "Nobody's Sweetheart" and "Friar's Point Shuffle", while #18041 couples "There'll Be Some Changes Made" and "Someday Sweetheart". Personnel for this date included Max Kaminsky, cornet; Brad Gowans, valve trombone; Pee Wee Russell, clarinet; Bud Freeman, tenor sax; Joe Sullivan, piano; Eddie Condon, guitar; Clyde Newcomb, bass; and Dave Tough on drums.

Jimmy McPartland and his orchestra take the honors on the next four sides. Jimmy plays cornet; Bud Jacobson, clarinet; Boyce Brown, alto sax; Floyd Bean, piano; Dick McPartland, guitar; Jim Lannigan, bass; and Hank Isaacs, the drums. In "China Boy" and "Jazz Me Blues" (18042), Jimmy and the boys recapture the hell-for-leather spirit of the early Chicagoans. Bud Jacobson's clarinet is an example of the style that dominated that period. On "Sugar" and "The World is Waiting For The Sunrise" (18043), Jimmy's cornet and Floyd Bean's piano are the main attractions.

Last, but not least, are the four sides by George Wettling's

TRANSPORT ENGINEER KEPT PLANES FLYING AT CAIRO

Duty with the Ninth Air Force in Egypt provided T Sgt. Wade Massey, Vina, Ala., with a box seat for Rommel's flight across Africa. As aerial engineer for the transport service, Sgt. Massey shuttled back and forth between front lines for 18 months.

"I was stationed at Cairo," Sgt. Massey says, "but our duties were to deliver ammunition, airplane engines and even personnel to the front lines. We were kept mighty busy."



T/SGT. WADE MASSEY

Sgt. Massey, now stationed in the 884 Sq., arrived in Cairo in May, 1942. He served as aerial engineer, accompanying flights to keep the engines running smoothly until Sep. 30, 1943.

"Some of our ships ran into a lot of trouble with fighters and anti-aircraft fire," Sgt. Massey reports. "My plane was never attacked, and except for the experience of having the motors begin to act up a bit, we never had any real difficulty."

"Visiting the pyramids was interesting, but we hardly had time to go sightseeing," he adds. "We had very little contact with the natives. A few of them were employed as laborers at the field in Cairo, and seemed to be performing their jobs satisfactorily."

After a year and a half of combat service, Sgt. Massey was flown to the United States to pass on the benefit of his experience as an instructor.

Chicago Rhythm Kings. On "Bugle Call Rag", "Sister Kate", "Darktown Strutter's Ball", and "I've Found A New Baby", Charlie Teagarden, Floyd O'Brien, Danny Polo, Joe Marsala, Jess Stacy, Jack Bland, Artie Shapiro, and George Wettling are featured.

"The Jazz Record Book" by Charles Edward Smith gives Joe Sullivan credit for the choruses on these sides, but it doesn't take an expert to discover that it is Jess Stacy. No other pianist could ever have played those choruses. We feel sure, Mr. Smith, or one of his colleagues, wrote that article a long time after hearing this album; because he never could have made such a claim for Joe Sullivan after listening to it closely. Joe is one of the best, but his style differs greatly from that of Jess Stacy. Listen to the two styles in this album and decide for yourself. Buy the records separately, or get the six of them in an album complete with a descriptive booklet by the critic--George Avakian. Only \$3.50 for the works.

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THEATRES #1 --3

Sun. Mon. Jan. 30-31--THE FIGHTING SEABEES, John Wayne, Susan Hayward, Dennis O'Keefe.

Tues., Feb. 1--DOUBLE FEATURE--THE SPIDER WOMAN, Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. CASANOVA IN BURLESQUE, Joe E. Brown, June Havoc.

Wed., Thurs. Feb. 2-3--DESERT SONG Dennis Morgan, Irene Manning, Bruce Cabot.

Fri., Sat. Feb. 4-5--LIFEBOAT--Tallulah Bankhead, Henry Hull, William Bendix.

THEATRES #2 --4

Sun. Mon. Jan. 30-31--THE MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK, Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken, Brian Donlevy, Akim Tamiroff.

Tues., Wed. Feb. 1-2--THE FIGHTING SEABEES, John Wayne, Susan Hayward, Dennis O'Keefe.

Thurs. Feb. 3--DOUBLE FEATURE--THE SPIDER WOMAN, Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. CASANOVA IN BURLESQUE, Joe E. Brown, June Havoc.

Fri., Sat. Feb. 4-5--DESERT SONG--Dennis Morgan, Irene Manning, Bruce Cabot.



PFC Clio Miller of Eureka Springs, Ark., was the first winner in the Food Conservation Contest for having the cleanest plate leaving the mess hall. He received \$1 in war stamps. Award was made by T/Sgt. Fred C. Gissel of Washington, D. C.

EM OPEN FORUM GROUP INVITES MIL TO SESSIONS: MEETS AGAIN TUES., FEB. 1

Another "Open Forum Discussion Group" sponsored by the Enlisted Men's Special Service Council will be held Tues., Feb. 1, at 1900 in room #3 Bldg. #1203, Student Officers Detachment Section. The first meeting held last Tuesday evening was quite successful according to representatives of the council. All enlisted men are invited to attend and take part in the discussions. Timely topics of world, national and post interest are discussed and every person present can present his ideas.

JAP FIGHTER ZERO BROUGHT DOWN IN GUADALCANAL AREA ARRIVES IN CITY THURSDAY

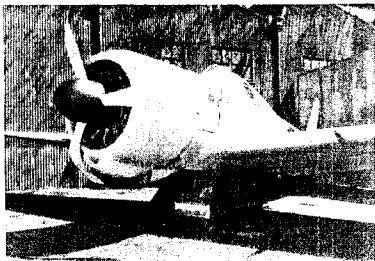
Propeller blades twisted grotesquely and leading edges dented, a Japanese Zero fighter plane will arrive in San Antonio Thursday, Feb. 3 to give this city and surrounding military personnel its first glimpse of the deadly war plane. Messerschmitts have been shown before in the city, but never a Jap Zero.

The war prize now touring the country in the interests of Naval welfare will be placed on display in a tent at Travis and N. Navarro Streets diagonally across from the St. Anthony Hotel in the parking lot. The plane will be displayed 11 days ending Sun., Feb. 13, and will be open to the public from 1000 until 2200 each day.

The exhibition and national tour is sponsored by Naval Aid Auxiliary, a welfare organization that functions under Registry D-19 of the War Relief Control Board and under charter of the 11 Naval District. Funds derived from the small admission fee to see the Zero go toward maintaining hospitals, nurseries, canteens and for general welfare of sailors, marines, coast guardsmen, and their families.

GUADALCANAL CASUALTY

This Zero was shot down by an American pilot during one of the many naval engagements off the Solomon Islands in the Guadalcanal area. Best available information states that one of the bullets which hit the plane entered the under side of the left wing, ripped through the top surface and penetrated the cockpit, killing the Jap pilot. The plane crashed into the water and was submerged for about two weeks. A Navy salvage crew shipped the Zero to this country for expert analysis.



The Zero weighs only 5207 pounds and its light weight is the secret of its rapid climb. It carries no parachutes, armor or self-sealing fuel tanks. Thin gauge metal is used throughout.

The plane on exhibit is a carrier based type, evidenced by its folding wing tips and the deck hook. The folding tips enable the plane to fit on the elevators of Japanese aircraft carriers.

EX-GI PRO. SHUTTER BUG COMMISSIONED OVERSEAS

S/Sgt. George W. Bartholomew, Jr., former ace photographer of the San Antonio Light and later of the Cadet Center Public Relations Office, has received a direct commission as second lieutenant in the 8th Army Air Forces Combat Camera Unit overseas.

Lt. Bartholomew — or just "George," as he was known to everyone in the 509 Squadron here — got the promotion mainly because of his excellent job of photography during the Emden raid last December. He had some time since completed the 50 combat missions necessary to get a trip back home but preferred to stay in the fight.



A man with the true soldier's spirit, Bartholomew has written frequent letters to his former officers and enlisted friends at the Cadet Center relating exciting experiences in the air over far flung targets in Germany and elsewhere. His new job as adjutant will involve a good deal of desk work, and a letter he wrote to Capt. Charles J. Giezendanner, Jr., Public Relations Officer of the Cadet Center, recently transferred revealed that he was restless at paper work and was anxious to get into the air again.

"I'm grounded for a couple of weeks," he wrote on Dec. 22, three days after he received his commission, "but as soon as the papers get straightened out I will go back on combat. Funny, as much as I get the hell scared out of me up there, I sorta miss the rough stuff when my turn comes to go and I have to sit around and watch the boys go off without me."

Lt. Bartholomew enlisted in the Air Corps and came to the Post Public Relations Office about a year ago last November. After some six months here, during which his photographs of the Post's activities drew wide attention,

orders from the War Department suddenly placed him in the Air Forces Motion Picture Unit, and he went, as a buck sergeant, to Culver City, Calif., for special training. He went overseas about mid-summer.

His wife and small daughter "Cissy", live at the Bartholomew's permanent residence, 527 Astor, San Antonio. Pop is "Cissy's Daddy" to friends. And the male friends are "Cissy's Daddy's boy friends."

BALLAD IN KEY OF G

*This is the song of a GI muse,
Lumbering along in GI shoes,
Sung to a sort of GI tune,
Under the GI western moon.*

*G, I'm loaded with GI clothes,
G, I'm tired of GI hose,
G, hon, I'm tired of GI issue -
And, oh, my darling, GI miss you.*

*G, I long for a GI pass,
Far from the dusty GI grass,
I'm so darned tired of GI whirls
With the usual crop of GI girls.*

*G, I adore you, darling mine,
G, I'm tired of the GI rhyme,
But G, I'm happy, and I'll tell
you why!*

Ours is a love that is not GI.



Two 12-year-old boys paddled their canvas canoe up to a troopship anchored near an Australian city and asked the gold-braided officer leaning over the rail for permission to come aboard.

"No," the officer said, "get out of here."

"Are you the captain of this ship?" asked the small fry in the stern of the canoe.

"No," said the braid. "But I'm the fourth officer."

"Then you'd better learn to be more respectful to your superior officers," the kid replied. "I'm the captain of this one."

Male Call



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SERVICE MEN'S SERVICE

AROUND THE USO CIRCLE

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

The 316th Air Forces Band, directed by Walter M. Dunlap will give a concert for service men at the Jewish USO Club, 112 East Quincy Street in San Antonio, Sun. Jan. 30 at 1930.

"Swing yore partner!" That's what you'll be apt to do if you turn up at the Catholic USO Club, 217 Nacogdoches Street in San Antonio, Sunday afternoon.

The Trail Drivers Assn. of Southwest Texas is sponsoring the tea dance and the Al Brite Orchestra will play for such dances as the Schottische, Polka, Square Dances, "Put Your Little Foot" and others with that old-time tempo. All service men are invited to attend the dance, which is set for 1800 to 1800, Jan. 30.

Service men are invited to a dance Friday night, Feb. 4 at the South San Antonio USO Club, Main Avenue and Quintana Road. The Stinson Field Orchestra will play.

A program of rhumba and conga dancing with special musical numbers will be put on for soldiers at the Salvation Army USO Club, 505 North Presa St. in San Antonio at 2015 Sat. Feb. 5.

TRY AUSTIN ON WEEKEND PASS

If it happens some weekend that you don't have a lot of duties to perform around camp, why not try the suggestion offered by S/Sgt. Norbie Gottsman, 1043 sign painter. Take it from Norbie, the city of Austin is just about the best place in Texas for a lot of things. Knowing Norbert as we do, it is our guess that what he means by a "lot of things" is a variety of redheads, brunettes, and blondes. Or maybe someone else took those pictures.

Take the bus to the Austin Highway (15¢) and then start tossing peanuts over your right shoulder. If you'd rather make the trip in an upright position, you can always find standing room on the bus or train. The fares are reasonable, too.

As soon as you land in Austin, head for the Servicemen's Center in the Driskill Hotel. On Saturday nights here, you can obtain "free" tickets to any number of parties and dances at churches and sorority houses. The girls are plentiful here, too; not more than ten men to every girl. According to Sergeant Gottsman, the girls are "unusually attractive", and he's noted as a judge of feminine pulchritude. Unless you are particularly unlucky, one of the girls will probably volunteer to show you the town. However, the rest of this article is written for those few who are invariably left holding the short end of the stick.

Lodging offers no problem here either, for there is usually

DELICIOUS DINAH SHORE ANSWERS SAACC ADMIRER



"THE DREAMER" Dinah Shore, favorite swoon-crooner of the Cadet Center, sent this luscious photo as part payment on a possible visit to the Post in the near future in answer to an invitation extended by M/Sgt. Thomas H. Harp, of the 509 Base Hq. & Air Base Sq.

La Shore's dulcet tones put the 509 boys in a swooning mood when her husband, Cpl. George Montgomery, film star attached to the 509, made a training film, "Survival of the Fittest", here, last month. The curvacious Miss Shore, through her secretary, June Porter, wrote M/Sgt. Harp that it might "be possible sometime in the future" to accept the invitation for a personal appearance at the Cadet Center.

enough free lodging to go around. There are a lot of dormitories, etc., where they put the soldiers up for the night. If these run out, they have a list of private homes where they will take you in for a reasonable fee.

The movies are always crowded, but there are times when you can get a seat. Then there's the University Tower, the Capitol, and the Texas Museum. For a comparatively small city, Austin does well in the way of entertaining its visitors.

If you arrive Saturday night, you will, of course, have a date for Sunday. She'll take you to the Milam Cafeteria for dinner, so you don't have to worry about that. Then, if you want to trip the light fantastic, take the little bundle of sweetness to the "Tower". You've all been to the one in San Antonio. This is just about the same. There's dancing, beer, coca-cola (with ice), and plenty of good food. All in all, it's a fine place to spend an evening.

If you find the Tower crowded, try an old standby, Avalon. It's on the left side of the road just as most of the houses have cleared away heading toward Dallas.

When you're looking for a nice quiet friendly town where you can spend a few days, take a trip to Austin. It's well worth your while.

The present cost of the war is estimated at \$254,000,000 a day, or \$176,000 a minute. That's another reason for War Bond buying.

MEXICAN SYMPHONY FOUNDER FOLLOWS RICHARD CROOKS IN UNSCHEDULED CONCERT

Following the appearance of Richard Crooks as guest artist Jan. 22, the San Antonio Symphony Society has arranged another unscheduled concert for Jan. 31 when Carlos Chavez will be first guest conductor for the new permanent symphony. Chavez is the founder of the Mexico Symphony Orchestra and the outstanding composer and musical leader of his country.

STRIPE ADDITIONS

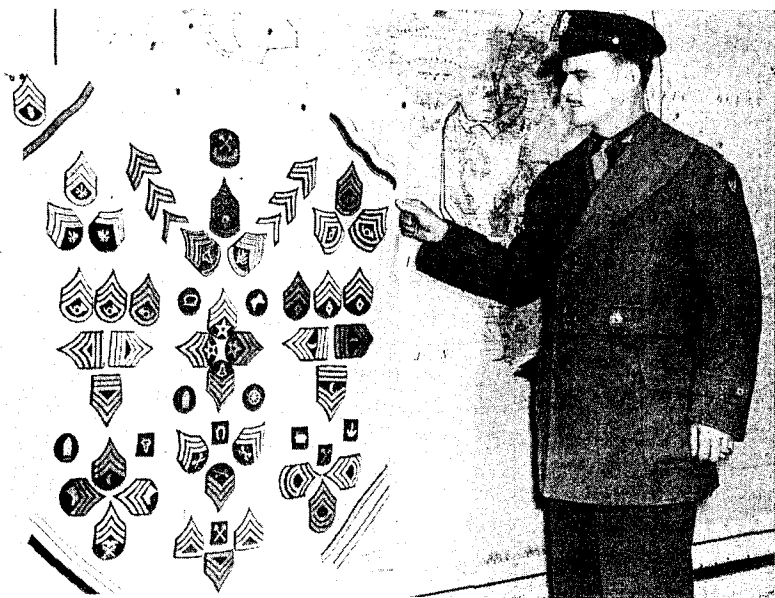
Temporary promotions dated 10 January 1944 listed 18 changes in grade.

From 884 Sq. Cpl. Claire Taylor was promoted to sergeant and PFC Alexander J. Dran made corporal.

New rocker arms in the 28 Aviation Sq. are John I. Reid, James A. C. Ferguson and Gaele H. Price. Latest additions to the non-com corps are two strippers Joseph M. Buggage, Jr., Bonnie Campbell, Jr., Tom Mason, Ethon Odoms, Edward A. Smith, Jesse Williams, Rufus Williams and Frank Whitehead.

The 509 Base Hq. & Air Base Sq. contributed six promotions: Sgts. Robert Curry, Timothy F. O'Keefe and Orville A. Kretzmeier to staff, Cpls. Halsey J. Davis and Ralph Steiger to sergeant and PFC Virgil L. Datray is lost to the privates.

BETTER THAN CASH
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Shown with his tapestry of chevrons issued over 40 years ago is Capt. John D. Boyd, executive officer of the 509th Sq. at the Cadet Center. Presented to Capt. Boyd by his wife, when he was a staff sergeant in the infantry, these chevrons were collected by his father-in-law, Clement G. Colesworthy of Boston Mass. Mr. Colesworthy retired from the army in 1913, as a post sergeant major, after 30 years service in the cavalry. He passed his collection on to Mrs. Boyd, who arranged them in a bi-symmetric design, using the old style service stripes as a border. The only modern issue in the tapestry is the staff sergeant's chevron in the upper left corner, which Capt. Boyd wore before he rose from the ranks. His home is in Cleburne, Texas.

EDITOR'S LAMENT

Getting out this paper is no picnic,
If I print jokes, I'm silly.
If I don't, I'm too darn serious
If I clip things from other papers,
I'm too lazy to write them myself.
If I don't I'm stuck on my own stuff,
If I stick too close to the job
all day

I ought to be out hunting news.
If I get out and try to hustle
I ought to be on the job, at work.
If I don't print contributions
I don't appreciate true genius.
If I do print them the paper is
full of junk.

If I make a change in the other
fellow's write up,
I'm too critical,
If I don't, I'm asleep.

Now, like as not, some guy will say
I swiped this from some other
newspaper.

Well, I did--from the Navy Breeze,
and they 'borrowed' it from The
Prairie Schooner, and they snatched
it from Dots 'N Dashes, U.S.N.T.S.
Communications School, Los Angeles,
California.

But, I have something to add,
And it's really very sad,
You see, I have flat feet,
But to cover the spread of my beat,
I have to walk all over this you-
know--what--I-mean-Post.
Some folks wonder how I spend all
my time.

Well, listen, guys, I'll tell you
in rhyme.
I walk a mile for every d-- line.

FIGHTIN' 509 CHATTER

509 MEN COMPLETE NCO SCHOOL (WE HOPE)

By S/Sgt. Cliff Hilton

For the past three weeks, quite a few NCO's from the 509th have been attending the S-3 school to make better soldiers of them. Much knowledge has been absorbed by one and all, but it remains to be seen whether enough has been retained to get the boys through the examination. By the time you read this, it is hoped that most of us will have satisfactorily completed the course. Those who failed will be back again next class.

T/Sgt. Wood's cartoon made quite a hit with some of the boys. It enjoyed a prominent spot in our Orderly Room for a while, but it probably has been taken down by now. The cartoon depicted two enlisted men waiting for a haircut at the 509 Barber Shop. A little exaggerated, perhaps, but not too much so. It has been rather difficult to find time to get your haircut here. Perhaps if those men who live in town would get their hair trimming done there also, the less fortunate would not have to wait in line till there was nothing but a mere skeleton left.

For that man who wrote about the "Old Goat" in a recent edition of THE YARDBIRD, it is hereby noted that you needn't worry about what happened to him. Sgt. Anderson was not the one you had for dinner last week. He's on furlough. That must have been a different goat.

Among the visitors to the Municipal Auditorium for a recent concert was Bart Bartolomei. From the position of his seat high in the balcony, it would seem he was trying to get his start in aerial photography. If he had been any higher up, he'd have had a ceiling put on him by the O.P.A.

If you see Sgt. McGahey or S/Sgt. Lou Fisher say in passing, "It's pretty cold in Russia" consider it a pass word. They always chuckle. Ask 'em the interesting story.

One cold night in the city they met an old man who pried himself into a conversation. The two complained of the cold. Turning in his seat, the old man said in broken English: "Young husky brutes like you cold. I've been here 20 years and I still laugh at people for saying that. In Russia I found it cold--it was 50 degrees below zero."

Guess you gotta hand it to the oldster. Maybe we'll get a chance to spend a winter in Russia.

The Wolf

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